



Bulldog Band Banner

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Reverse Raffle

On Friday night, April 23, 2004, we will sponsor the First Bulldog Band Benefit. The proceeds will go toward our new uniforms. We have 200 tickets for sale at \$50 per ticket. One ticket admits 2 adults to the Benefit which will include dinner for two, music for dancing, a silent auction, casino games, and the drawing for the grand prize of \$1000 (1 in 200 chance of winning!) Although you do not need to be present to win, we hope we will have a large turn-out for this exiting event, which will take place at the Amran-Shrine Temple located about 8 miles north of Crabtree Valley at 11101 Creedmore Rd. Buffet dinner

will be served from 6:00-8:00 with the Casino-Raffle beginning at 7:00.

We need a little help from everyone. Most importantly, we need to sell all 200 tickets. If you were not at the March booster meeting, tickets are available from Mr. Scott or Jill Bright. You can sell to family, friends, businesses, co-workers, and, of course, yourself. Deadline for all ticket sales is April 9.

What else can you do? Ask businesses if they would like to be a sponsor: Gold is \$500, Silver is \$250, and Bronze is \$100. With the tax deductible donation, the business will get one raffle ticket as well

as advertisement in our ads and program.

We also need donations of items for our silent auction. Many businesses will make a tax deductible gift for non-profit organizations' fundraising. Auction items also need to be turned in by April 9.

We still need expertise or connections for our casino games and musical entertainment. DJ? Casino equipment? Black Jack Dealer? Contact Jill if you can help out with any of these items.

We plan to turn this into an annual event with proceeds designated for special projects such as future uniforms, flags, instruments, drum harnesses, etc. Please support this important first benefit.

CALENDAR

Event	Date
<i>Symphonic Band Rehearsal for Festival</i>	Mar 4 3:00-4:30 Mar 8 3:45-4:45 Mar 9 3:00-3:45
<i>Concert Band Rehearsal for Festival</i>	Mar 8 3:00-3:45 Mar 9 3:45-4:45
<i>Concert Band: Central District Festival at Wakefield HS</i>	Mar 10 At School 7:15 AM Perform 9:30 AM Return to SRHS 11:15 AM
<i>Symphonic Band: Central District Festival at Wakefield HS</i>	Mar 10 At School 11:15 AM Perform 2:30 PM Return to SRHS 4:15 PM
<i>Band Booster Meeting</i>	Apr 6 6:00 PM
<i>Deadline for Reverse Raffle ticket sales</i>	Apr 9
<i>Atlanta Spring Trip</i>	Apr 15-18
<i>Reverse Raffle</i>	Apr 23
<i>Spring Musical: The Mystery of Edwin Drood</i>	Apr 29, 30 May 1,2

Next Year's Budget Approved

Pages 2 and 3 of this month's expanded newsletter contain details on the budget and activity fees for the 2004-2005 band year.

A quick summary of the budget:

- Fees are lower than last year.
- This is a lean budget – **less room**

for absorbing non-payment!

- This is a balanced budget – **programs will be cut if money is short!**
- This budget establishes escrow accounts – **we have \$8,000 in instruments, \$2,000 in new uniforms!**

- More events to work with more money per event – **you have the opportunity to "pay" your fees by working!**
- Earlier adoption of budget – **you can begin making monthly payments in April! All fees are due by Sept 7.**

Budget '04-'05

The newly adopted budget is shown on the next page, along with the band fees required to support this budget. Fee payment will adhere to the following timeline:

July 23, 2004: \$75.00 reduction for Band Fees paid in full

Sept. 7, 2004: final payment of Freshmen Band Fees; final payment of all remaining band fees

Sept. 30, 2004: budget is balanced based on income received; list of student accounts due is posted

March 15, 2005: past due accounts given to school for collection

The budget has new line items which are not funded by the boosters.

Band Bash supported items:

- \$2,000 OR 20% profit to new uniform escrow
- \$8,000 OR 80% profit to instrument upgrades
- Anything over \$10,000 to special projects as approved by Boosters

Items funded on monies owed from previous year:

- Student Aid
- Miscellaneous Travel (activity buses, Drum and Bugle Corps)
- Band Director Miscellaneous Fund

The budget requires that the boosters raise \$65,250 from band fees. Fees were calculated based on a formula which takes into account siblings (17) and reduced fee students (20). Because the budget is balanced based on 100% payment, it will be necessary to cut line items if all fees are not collected by the final due date of September 7.

You are encouraged to begin making monthly payments in April with payment in full by the end of band camp to take advantage of the \$75 discount.

Band Aid Policy

The board has approved the following policies for reduced band fees:

- If you have registered for Free and Reduced Lunches with Wake County Public Schools, your band fee is \$250.
- It is your responsibility to follow up and verify your status with Mr. Scott or a board member.
- If you do not receive a letter from the Band Boosters, then you are not registered with the band as eligible for reduced fees.
- Reduced fees may be fully paid off by volunteering.
- Ms. T. Cunningham-Brown is the contact for Free and Reduced Lunches for the school.
- Eligibility depends on your name being on the list NOW.

- A line item for donations is available in the budget. Money may be transferred from an active account to help a student in need. Cash deposits (tax donations) are also welcome.

Band Aid Support Group:

- For past due accounts, there will be additional contact from the Boosters this year.
- There will be individual contacts by Mr. Scott or a Board member to agree on payment options.
- There will be a targeted fundraising activity created especially for those who owe.
- There will be opportunities for booster members to volunteer their time and work for a fellow band student's account.

Walnut Creek Policy

- Pays \$35 per person per event for concerts and chair washes.
- Chair workers may invite friends to help work (no pay)
- Team Captain responsible for sign up, including "friends"
- Chair washes require 16 people per chair wash. There are 6 different chair washes.
- Each Walnut Creek event will have a team captain
- The team captain will be paid \$60 per event.
- Team captains **MUST** attend Walnut Creek New Employee Orientation. (to be announced)

If you sign up for a Walnut Creek event and miss it, there is no problem, if you

- notify the team captain 48 hours prior
- Have an emergency

If you miss Walnut Creek because of negligence, then you

- Forfeit your right to work future Walnut Creeks.
- will be removed from any future events you signed up for.
- will be charged for all events not worked, if prior credit was given.
- Will incur the \$75 credit for early payment, if that credit was previously given.

Expense item comparison

Expenses	Approval	'03-'04	'04-'05
Student Aid	Clif	\$ 4,000.00	Previous Debt
Spring Band Trip	Clif	Self Sufficient	Self Sufficient
Prepaid Items	Jill	Self Sufficient	Self Sufficient
Fundraisers	Rick/Andy	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Banking	Iris	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Instruments	Clif	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Uniforms	Shirley	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Colorguard Uniforms	Shirley	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Band Camp	Donna	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Hospitality	Donna	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Props	Robin	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Competition/Exhibitions	Clif	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Student Awards	Clif	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Senior Scholarships	Clif	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Staff	Clif	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,200.00
Colorguard	Jill	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office	Linda	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Accessories	Shirley	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Majorette Competition	Teresa P.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Transportation	Tony	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Equipment	Tony	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	Betty	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Total Budget		\$ 75,700.00	\$ 75,700.00

Income item comparison

Income	'03-'04	'04-'05
Contributions	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fundraising (90% directly to accounts)		\$ 200.00
Reverse Raffle Night		\$ 3,000.00
Misc	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Fruit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Meals	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Walnut Creek	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Event One	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Walnut Creek Food Sales	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Revenue	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 10,450.00
Total Budget	\$ 75,700.00	\$ 75,700.00
Required to Raise By Fees	\$ 72,450.00	\$ 65,250.00

Band Fees '04-'05

- \$500 per year
- \$425 if paid by end of Band Camp
- \$250 for those who receive Free and Reduced Lunches
- \$425 for the first year band students
- Second band student, same family, pays ? the first student's band fees.

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Newsletter Suggestions?

Contact Jody Finch
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Next Band Booster Meeting

Date: April 6, 2004
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Band Room

2004 Officers:

President: Charles Finch
Vice Pres: Betty Elliott
Secretary: Linda Hoke
Treasurer: Iris Robinson

Senior "Account Balance" Scholarships

- Seniors are eligible for account balance scholarships, awarded based on their band account balance at graduation.
- Balances must exceed \$334 to be eligible.
- 75% of the account will be awarded as scholarship.
- 25% will be retained to the general fund.
- The minimum amount awarded in an account balance scholarship is \$250 (75% of \$334).
- The scholarship check will be made out to the institution of higher learning the student is attending, for fall semester.
- This money is in addition to merit scholarships.
- Seniors may fill out an Account Balance Scholarship form, and return to Andy Cordes.

Band Trips Policy

The following policy was adopted by the board and will be implemented for the annual band trip:

- Only students who have paid their band dues are eligible for band trips.
- Any money received will be applied to any outstanding band account balances, before it is applied to the trip.
- Band trips are self funding. The Band Boosters do not supplement trips.
- To supplement a trip, a line item must be added to the budget and approved.
- If sufficient money is not collected, the trip will be cancelled.
- Reimbursement of 'unexpected expenses' requires formal approval of the Board and disclosure to the Boosters.

Summary of Work Opportunities

Summary	Worker	Captain	Events
Walnut Creek Chairs /Games	\$35.00	\$60.00	Board to determine
Walnut Creek Chairs Wash	\$35.00	\$60.00	2 per family
Walnut Creek Beer Sales	\$1.50 - \$60.00	none	no limit (TIPS trained)
Event One	\$25.00	none	no limit
Band Day	35% of ad sales	none	no limit

Reminders and Special Announcements

- All trip money is due now. There is a list posted in the band room of trip account balances. You may also contact Andy Cordes to find out your balance.
- All students must report to school for the March 10 District Festival at their designated time fully dressed in concert attire. Contact Gwen Sheppard if you are available to chaperone.
- All Cici coupons and/or payments must be turned in now.
- Senior scholarship applications will be available on the website soon. Completed applications will be due April 6.